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LOK SABHA

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TOWN OF EXCELLENCE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has declared certain areas of trade in the country as "Town of Excellence";

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has provided any assistance for the upgradation of infrastructure in these areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal for the upgradation of infrastructure in Aroor and Alappuzha which are declared as "Town of Excellence" and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) &(b) Yes, sir. Details are as in Annexure I

(c) & (d) Department of Commerce has provided assistance under ' Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Scheme' (ASIDE) to States / UTs / Central agencies for taking up infrastructure projects related to exports. The details of projects taken under ASIDE scheme in areas falling under T.E.E.s are given in Annexure- II.

(e) & (f) Following four projects have taken in Aroor under ASIDE scheme

i. Setting up of a full fledged laboratory at Aroor
ii. Upgradation of electricity distribution system for Aroor in Cherthala Taluk.
iii. Upgradation of Sea Lab, Aroor, and
iv. Pre-Processing of Sea food in Aroor,
No Proposal for Upgradation of infrastructure in Alappuzha has been taken up